



# TOWN OF PARADISE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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In your response to your Public Records Request, please find the documentation categorized in the same order per your request.

1. "Any and all policies, criteria, state or local statutes that Paradise Animal Control and Shelter (hereafter referred to as "PACS") uses to determine the reasons for the euthanasia of cats brought into its facility after December 1, 2018."

The relevant State and Local Statutes are accessible to the public via the responsible agencies and websites. As a courtesy, you can find the California animal laws spread throughout various California codes at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>, including in the Business and Professional Code, the Civil Code, the Food and Agriculture Code, the Penal Code and the California Code of Regulations at <https://oal.ca.gov/publications/ccr/>. The relevant Town of Paradise Municipal Codes can be found at [https://library.municode.com/ca/paradise/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/ca/paradise/codes/code_of_ordinances). Additionally, the Town of Paradise Animal Control Policies, Procedures and Operations: X Placement of Animals, section D states:

D. Euthanasia - The Town of Paradise Animal Shelter strives to demonstrate a respect for quality of life for its animals. The Town of Paradise Animal Shelter operates as a no-kill facility. The shelter does not euthanize animals to make space for other animals. Although euthanasia is the final act of kindness that we can show a critically ill, seriously injured, or dangerous animal, it is viewed as an alternative, only after very careful consideration, and always as a last resort. It is the policy of the Town of Paradise Animal Shelter that animals to be euthanized are handled with respect and sensitivity, and protected from stress, fear, discomfort, and pain.

1. Authorization Procedures. The decision to euthanize animals is made on a case-by-case basis. When deemed necessary for medical or behavioral reasons, and approved as indicated below, animals are humanely euthanized.

2. Medical Reasons. Critically ill or seriously injured domestic animals may be euthanized prior to conclusion of the six (6) work day holding period (the normal time allotted for owners to reclaim their pets). Those situations need immediate consideration and require approval by the Shelter Supervisor and attending veterinarian.

2. "Any and all policies, criteria, state or local statutes and training that PACS uses to assess whether a cat is feral, a community cat or a domestic pet cat."

The relevant State and Local Statutes are accessible to the public via the responsible agencies and websites. As a courtesy, you can find the California animal laws spread throughout various California codes at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>, including in the Business and Professional Code, the Civil Code, the Food and Agriculture Code, the Penal Code and the California Code of Regulations at <https://oal.ca.gov/publications/ccr/>. The relevant Town of Paradise Municipal Codes can be found at [https://library.municode.com/ca/paradise/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/ca/paradise/codes/code_of_ordinances).

Paradise Animal Control Officers attend an accredited Basic Animal Law Enforcement Academy. The 80-hour course covers required training pursuant to Corporations Code 14502 for appointment of humane officers. Curriculum includes child and elder abuse reporting requirements, animal law update, civil and criminal liability, rules of evidence, report writing, search and seizure, court demeanor and testifying, animal fighting, animal exhibit inspections, pet store inspections, animal hoarding, veterinary procedures, horse and livestock husbandry, exotic animal husbandry, and animal behavior and identification. The Animal Control Supervisor additionally attends an accredited Advanced Animal Law Enforcement Academy. Animal Control personnel may have additional training and experience relevant to animal care or law enforcement.

3. "Copies of all the intake forms for all cats, with their identifiers, photographs, microchip numbers and/or ID numbers assigned for tracking purposes, that were brought into the facility after December 1, 2018."  
Documents attached.

4. "The type of FIV testing method used in-house and a list of all cats tested with their all their identifiers."  
The Paradise Animal Shelter did not perform any in house FIV tests from December 1, 2018 to the time of this release.

5. "Please specify what testing was used for FIV testing, ie: whole blood, serum or plasma, for each cat after December 1, 2018."  
IDEXX Snap test.

6. "A list of all Veterinary facilities that PACS used to administer veterinary care after December 1, 2018."  
VCA Valley Oak Veterinary Center, Chico, CA  
Animal Hospital on the Ridge, Paradise, CA  
Spay & Neuter, Auburn, CA

7. "Copies of all euthanasia records with the identifiers and assigned tracking numbers, if any, for the cats performed at the PACS facility after December 1, 2018."  
There were no cats euthanized at the Paradise Animal Shelter from December 1, 2018 to the time of this release.

8. "Copies of all euthanasia records performed on the cats taken in by PACS, that took place at other facilities, with the identifiers and assigned tracking ID numbers for said cats after December 1, 2018."  
Documents attached.
9. "A list of all the cats with their identifiers and assigned tracking ID numbers, that were adopted from PACS after December 1, 2018."  
Documents attached.
10. "A list of all the facilities, shelters, fosters and programs to which PACS transferred cats, with their identifiers and assigned tracking ID numbers, after December 1, 2018."  
Documents attached.
11. "Copies of all invoices received from veterinary clinics for services rendered to cats on behalf of PACS after December 1, 2018."  
Documents attached.
12. "Copies of invoices from and payments to Animal Disposal/Crematorium services for disposal of deceased cats with the identifiers after December 1, 2018."  
The Paradise Animal Shelter has not received or paid for these services for cats from December 1, 2018, to the time of this release.

Sincerely,

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